



This Month's Program:

[Olympic coins, medals, and stories](#)

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Presidents Message

Hello Everyone,

I don't know about you, but now that February is finally here it seems like Spring can't be toooooo far away....

Did you have a chance to go to the recent coin show? I hope so...I certainly was there. It seemed like it was well attended by both dealers & the public. I saw many UNS club members. A handful of new folks even joined our wonderful club at the show. Hopefully you were able to pick up something special for your collection. Great job to the organizers of the Wasatch Winter Coin Show!

Speaking of coin shows, I have to relate a very strange dream I recently had. Stay with me here.....

I dreamt I was set-up as a dealer at an OUTDOOR coin show. As I was away from my table checking out what the other dealers had for sale, a tremendous wind blew through the show. I raced back to my table area only to find that EVERYTHING had blown away...my cases, coins, paper money, everything. I was devastated! I began to frantically search for my stuff & remember feeling like I was completely wiped out. Even my set of Valley White Notes was gone! But then I woke up (thank

goodness). What a relief! Obviously, I've been thinking way too much about coins. Is coin-brain a legitimate illness??

Here's what I figure the moral of the story (dream) is: You probably want to think twice about setting up as a dealer for an outside show. But...if you are just going to attend an outdoor coin show, then you might be able to "pick-up" some great deals!!

Happy future coin show attending.

Tom

February Meeting Details.

Meetings – Second Tuesday of each month (Feb. 9th)

Time - 7:00 P.M.

Location – Columbus Community Center; 2531 South 400 East, SLC

Greetings – Tom Jensen

Mini Exhibit – Olympic Theme / All are invited to share their material

News & Views – Chris Robertson

Coin Quiz – David Larsen

Refreshments- UNS

2009 UNS MEDAL MINTAGES

Camp Stiener

Silver	80
Bronze	75
Copper	95

Silver/Gold Select
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UNS Schedule for 2010

March – Auction

April – Medals Voting
Speaker – TBA

May – UNS Birthday
Past President Speaker

June – YN Program

July – UNS Picnic

August –Speaker - TBA

Sept. – Auction

Oct.–Grading Seminar
Speaker – TBA

Nov.–Bourse/Elections

Dec.–Christmas Dinner

Interesting Coin of the Month

Sommer Islands Coinage



“Hogg” money is documented to be the first struck coins made for North America. The Sommer Islands are now known as Bermuda which was originally discovered by ships heading for the colony of Jamestown. Although not dated they are thought to have been struck circa 1615-16 and depict a wild boar, which were known to have populated the island after several escaped from early visitors to the island. Virtually all pieces are heavily worn and many are corroded from having been buried. Some have been discovered by metal detectors and a small hoard was discovered a few years ago in an old garbage pit. All are very rare and seldom offered for sale. Denominations known are a twopence, threepence, sixpence and shilling. They are struck in copper and some show remains of original silvering. This coin is also shown in the ‘Red Book.’

UNS Program for February’s Meeting

As February 2010 rings in the winter Olympics in Vancouver B.C. we are following suit with an Olympic theme. Please bring your collections of Olympic material and stories. They do not have to be coins but should have a numismatic link. There are countless numismatic connections to the Olympics.

Prizes & Buy of the Month

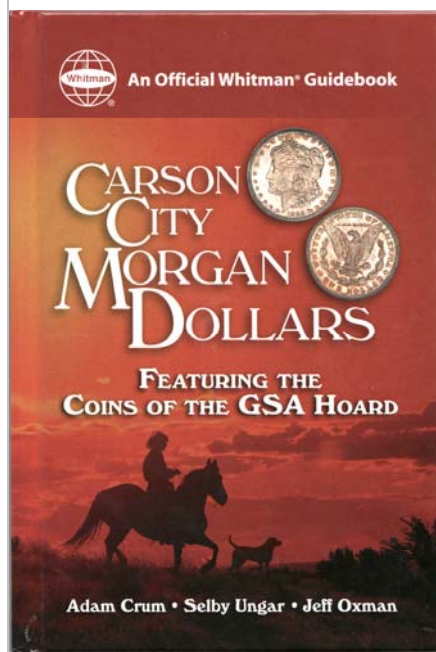
This month's buy is:

- TBA

Prizes of the Month –

Mexican DOS Peso Gold – Grand Prize

1994-W Women-In-Service Commemorative
 2005 Western Nickel Set
 2009 Christmas Medal / NUTS
 1971 Eisenhower Dollar
 Thomas Jefferson Medal
 1992 Columbus Half Dollar
 Indian Gold 10 rep. Medal
 UNS Uniface mMedal
 Chinese replica Coin
 1865 U.S. 3 Cent Nickel
 1865 U.S. 2 Cent
 1928-D Standing Quarter
 1934 BU Quarter
 1913 Replica Nickel Medal
 1970-S Proof Quarter
 1971 Eisenhower 40% Dollar JR.Prize
 1923 Peace Dollar; BU Member Prize
 1974 –S Proof Silver Eisenhower Dollar



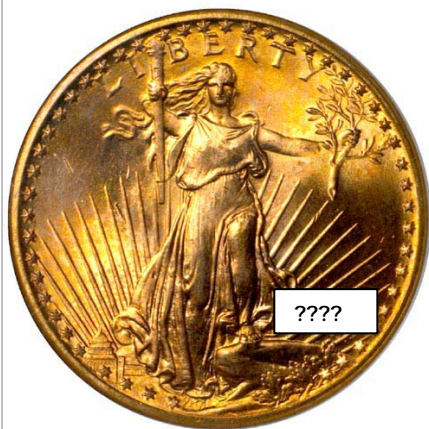
Book Review

As silver dollars are one of the most collected coins in America, if not the single most collected series, this book should have wide interest. There have been a myriad of books written on Morgan Dollars but this book addresses one of the most romantic coins and mints in history, the Carson City dollars. It is a smaller format book, roughly 9x6 and is only 124 pages in length. However it is packed with information and focuses on GSA CC dollars. It is written in a similar fashion as the new series of “Red Books” on various series with graphs and tables of mintages, GSA numbers, percentages etc. Also included are all known VAM’s contained in the GSA CC dollar release. The book is also in full color which I believe

is almost a requirement for books written in the 21st century. The first 37 pages of the book deal with the history of the Carson City mint. This section is profusely illustrated with pictures of the mint and people involved with the mint. The bulk of the book deals with a separate chapter for each date that Carson City issued silver dollars. High quality color enlargements of the GSA Dollars and VAM’s listed are also included. Finally current value tables are also listed for each date.

This book has a retail price of \$24.95 and makes for a very enjoyable evening of reading.

Coin Quiz & Trivia



- Which double eagle is the rarest issue?
 - 1909/8
 - MCMV II High Relief
 - 1922-S
 - 1927-D
- Which of the following was restruck by the Philadelphia mint at a later date?
 - 1804 Cent
 - 1823 Cent
 - 1840 Half Dime
 - 1827 Quarter
- Which of the following is considered the only person to ever assemble a complete collection of U.S. coins?
 - Norweb
 - Garrett
 - Pittman
 - Eliasberg
- Which pre-1933 year was the last year for gold coin production in Denver?
 - 1914
 - 1925
 - 1927
 - 1931
- Which of the following coin dealers was born in Lithuania? (How's this for an obscure question?)
 - B. Max Mehl
 - John Haseltine
 - W. H. Strobridge
 - Edouard Frossard

Answers to last month's questions.

- 1) Have a blundered mintmark 2) Was a proof only issue 3) 1875-CC Trade Dollar 4) Colonial Washington Pieces 5) Hard Times token

Young Numismatist's Corner

**Two coins add up to 30 cents and one is not a nickel.
What are they?**

**An archaeologist finds a coin dated 48 B.C. How did he
know it was a fake?**



Counterfeit Corner



Pick Up Point

Mintmark

Frequency Encountered
Common

Identification Difficulty
Difficult

Value
Moderate

Fake 1928 Peace dollars are often seen as 1928-S coins with a removed mintmark. Check the mintmark area carefully when purchasing this coin. There were three different obverse dies used in San Francisco in 1928, each with a subtle diagnostic. 1) A die scratch from the B in LIBERTY extending across the ray. 2) Minor die lines in the lower portion of the E and 3) a tiny die line in the hair of liberty. All three diagnostics may be difficult to see on many examples.

Feature Article – Iosepa Utah / Scrip

Iosepa was established in Tooele County's Skull Valley in 1889 as a community for Hawaiian members of the Mormon faith who wished to immigrate to Utah to be close to the temples and headquarters of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Iosepa lasted as a community until 1917, at which time the residents returned to Hawaii where the Hawaiian LDS Temple was under construction. The LDS Church paid the travel expenses for those who could not afford to pay themselves. "Iosepa," meaning Joseph in Hawaiian and named for the Mormon prophet Joseph Smith and for Joseph F. Smith, who went to the Hawaiian Islands as a missionary in 1854, is pronounced "Yo-see-pa." The colony was undertaken as a joint stock company incorporated as the Iosepa Agriculture and Stock Company. The LDS Church actually owned the company, although individuals subscribed for the stock and held it in trust for the church. H.H. Cluff was president of the corporation and manager and superintendent of the colonizing company. I.W. Kauleinamoku was the leader of the Hawaiian Saints. The land was dedicated by LDS Church President Wilford Woodruff on 28 August 1890, one year after colonization, as a gathering place for the natives of the islands of the sea.

The first group of forty-six settlers arrived on 28 August 1889 and drew lots for the land they were to occupy. Additional settlers arrived, built houses, a schoolhouse, a general store, and an irrigation system which drew water from the Stansbury Mountains to water a variety of crops including lucern, beets, wheat, oats, barley, corn, potatoes, and squash. By 1901 the population stood at about 80 and reached 228 by 1915.

A majority of the residents were Hawaiians, but other island groups were represented as well. The Polynesians raised pigs and fished for the carp that grew in the ponds in the vicinity to add to the crops they grew. A few Anglos resided in the town, working as supervisors on the Skull Valley farm. Most residents worked small farms or were employed by the Mormon Church farm in Skull Valley. The colony was not self-sustaining and LDS Church leaders were forced to allocate church funds to cover expenses. Following a series of crop failures, many of the men began to work in the gold and silver mines which prospered in the nearby mountains during the late 1890s.

In addition to economic difficulties, there were other problems for the settlement. In 1896 three cases of leprosy were discovered and the victims were isolated in a special house, although fears of the spread of leprosy were unfounded. The harsh environment and burning heat in the summer, followed by extreme cold in the winter took its toll on the settlers, as witnessed by the large number of graves in the cemetery.

When the Hawaiian Mormons left Iosepa for Hawaii, many of them settled on the church plantation at Laie, Oahu. Iosepa was sold in 1917 to a livestock company. The cemetery was placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1971.

PICTURES OF THE ONLY KNOWN SURVIVING SCRIP ISSUED BY "THE IOSEPA AGRICULTURAL AND STOCK COMPANY" IS SHOWN ON PAGE 8.



Identify This Coin

Can you identify
the coin pictured
above?

You should be able
to identify both the
denomination and
mint from the
picture.

Good Luck!

[Last month's coin
was a 1793 half cent
piece]

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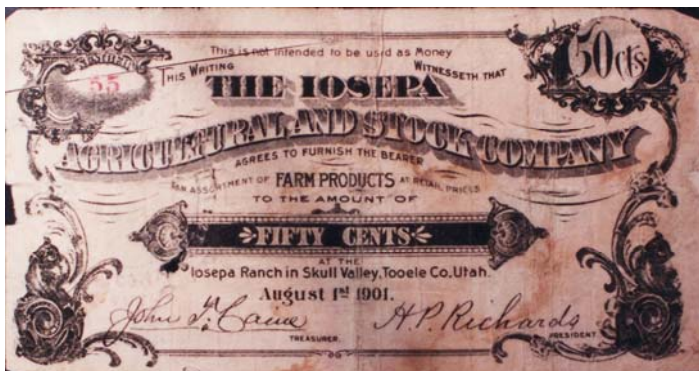
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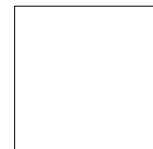
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